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SUBJ: STALIN LIVES IN STALINGRAD AND SIBERIA

1. SCI COUNSELOR ACCOMPANYING ASTP CREWS FROM MOSCOW THROUGH VOLGOGRAD TO NOVOSIBIRSK REPORTS THAT EMPHASIS ON STALIN IN LEONOV'S TOASTS SURPRISED SOVIET OFFICIAL GUESTS AS WELL AS AMERICANS. IN VOLGOGRAD, LEONOV BROKE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE OF USING STALINGRAD TO REFER TO WARTIME CITY AND VOLGOGRAD FOR LATER PERIOD, AND REFERRED CONSISTENTLY TO STALINGRAD. IN HIS TOAST AT BANQUET GIVEN ASTP BY NOVOSIBIRSK TOBLASTOFFICIALDOM, LEONOV USED FIRST NAME AND PATRONYMIC IN CITING STALIN'S AWARENESS OF SIBERIA'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD WAR II EFFORT AND FINAL VICTORY AND QUOTED VICTORY CELEBRATION STATEMENT BY JOSIF VISSARIONOVICH TO THIS EFFECT. JUDGING BY THEIR FACES, SOVIET OFFICIALS IN AUDIENCE WERE STUNNED.

2. COMMENT. SOVIET SCHEDULING HAS MADE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY AND U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION MAIN THEMES OF TOUR, SO EMPHASIS IN NOVOSIBIRSK ON SIBERIAN CONTRIBUTION IS NOT UNTOWARD. CITING STALIN, HOWEVER, WAS UNNECESSARY AND CONSISTENT REFERENCE TO VOLGOGRAD AS STALINGRAD IS FAIRLY SURPRISING. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR THAT LEONOV WAS STRETCHING TO MAKE A POINT, BUT WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER HIS LAUDING OF STALIN WAS PLANNED AND SANCTIONED BY HIS SUPERIORS

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OR WHETHER HE WAS DRAWING ON THE PROTECTION HE ENJOYS AS A

COSMONAUT TO EXPRESS SOME PERSONAL VIEWS.
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